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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN'S INTEREST IN VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. THE SECRETARY GAVE A LUNCH ON JAN 5 IN HONOR OF ZAID RIFAI. RIFAI MENTIONED THAT HUSSEIN HOPED THAT HE, RIFAI, WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK TO SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE ON HIS CURRENT TRIP TO THE U.S., WHICH ENDS ON APPROXIMATELY MONDAY, JAN 10. RIFAI SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO RAISE WITH MR. VANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF HUSSEIN PAYING AN EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HUSSEIN TO BE THE FIRST ARAB VISITOR TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, IN LIGHT OF THE SPECIAL U.S.-JORDANIAN RELATIONSHIP OF PAST YEARS.

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2. RIFAI SAID THAT PRESIDENT SISCO OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, DEAN BROWN AND BOB BARNES (OF THE AMERICAN ARAB ASSOCIATION FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) WERE CONSIDERING WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD CELEBRATE IN THE U.S. HUSSEIN'S 25 YEARS AS A REIGNING MONARCH. RIFAI SAID THAT A VISIT IN THE LAST TEN DAYS OF APRIL WOULD BE IDEAL.

3. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO

ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN RIFAI AND MR. VANCE. AS FOR

HUSSEIN'S VISIT, HE SAID HE COULD NOT OF COURSE SPEAK  
FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, ALTHOUGH HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT  
IT WOULD AT SOME POINT WANT TO SEE THE LEADERS RELEVANT  
TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING BETWEEN RIFAI AND MR. VANCE  
HAVE BEEN SET IN TRAIN.  
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